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### **Rep. Ruwet Rates Governor's Budget Proposal A Good Start**



#### *Legislator Notes Focus on Children's Issues and Education*

Torrington—State Representative Anne L. Ruwet, R-65<sup>th</sup>, Torrington, today called Governor M. Jodi Rell's proposed two-year state budget a good start in closing a projected \$1 billion deficit.

She noted the governor's budget focuses on protecting Connecticut's children from abuse and enhancing education from pre-school to college. She noted that the budget includes modest increases in state aid to public schools and for special education students.

Rep. Ruwet said, "Torrington fared well, given the tight budget situation and cuts in some other areas. There are modest increases in state school aid and other aid programs. We also are counting on the continued state support for a new court house and downtown revitalization."

Rep. Ruwet said she generally supports the budget, though questioned the idea of raising taxes any further. She said, "I understand the governor inherited a projected budget deficit of \$1.2 billion that had to be closed. I do appreciate that the governor's budget proposal is an excellent starting point for the legislature's budget deliberations."

Rep. Ruwet said, "Her budget is balanced and meets state needs. I am impressed by the job-growth features of her proposal and elimination of duplication of services."

Rep. Ruwet says she supports increased aid for nursing homes and nonprofit providers of services to the elderly and disabled. "This is long overdue," said Rep. Ruwet.

Rep. Ruwet serves the 65th Assembly District of Torrington in the state House of Representatives.